

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 39 are presently pending. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 8 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hynecek ('070) in view of Hynecek ('106) in view of Tashiro ('062).

With this Paper, Applicants provide an Affidavit under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 which establishes a date of invention prior to the effective date of Tashiro. In addition, the limitations of Claims 8 and 14 have been added to Claims 1, 9 and 29 and Claims 8 and 14 have been canceled. Inasmuch as all of the claims now include the limitations of Claims 8 and 14, the objections thereto have been addressed and the rejections thereof have been overcome, the present claims should be allowable.

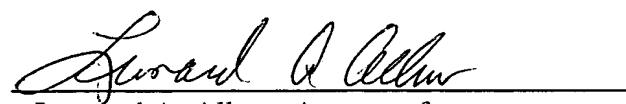
Reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

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